

**GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF NORTH CAROLINA**

**Session 2013**

**Legislative Fiscal Note**

**BILL NUMBER:** Senate Bill 456 (Second Edition)

**SHORT TITLE:** Designate Primary Stroke Centers.

**SPONSOR(S):** Senators Pate, Bingham, and Wade

**FISCAL IMPACT**

(\$ in millions)

Yes       No       No Estimate Available

	FY 2013-14	FY 2014-15	FY 2015-16	FY 2016-17	FY 2017-18
<b>State Impact</b>					
General Fund Revenues:					
General Fund Expenditures:					
Special Fund Revenues:					
Special Fund Expenditures:					
State Positions:					
<b>NET STATE IMPACT</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

<b>Local Impact</b>					
Revenues:					
Expenditures:					
<b>NET LOCAL IMPACT</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>	<b>\$0.0</b>

**PRINCIPAL DEPARTMENT(S) & PROGRAM(S) AFFECTED:**

**EFFECTIVE DATE:** October 1, 2013

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

None

**BILL SUMMARY:** Senate Bill 456 prohibits a hospital from advertising or holding itself out as a primary stroke center unless the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS) has designated it as such. The proposed legislation allows hospitals to apply to DHHS for designation

as a primary stroke center. The department is required to designate a hospital as a primary stroke center if it is determined that the facility is certified as a primary stroke center by the Joint Commission or some other nationally recognized accrediting body requiring conformance to best practices for stroke care.

Any hospital designated as a primary stroke center is required to make efforts to coordinate appropriate care with other licensed hospitals through a formal written agreement.

The Division of Health Services Regulation is required to maintain and publish a list of primary stroke centers on the department's website, and provide the list to emergency medical service providers annually. The bill allows DHHS to suspend or revoke a designation as a stroke center, and allows hospitals to contest any adverse actions by DHHS on the primary stroke center designation.

The proposed legislation states that the statute is not to be construed to (1) establish a standard of medical practice for stroke patients or (2) restrict the authority of any hospital to provide services authorized under its hospital license.

**ASSUMPTIONS AND METHODOLOGY:** The Department of Health and Human Services has reported that Senate Bill 456 would not require the hiring of additional department staff or result in any significant additional costs.

**SOURCES OF DATA:** Department of Health and Human Services, Division of Health Services Regulation

**TECHNICAL CONSIDERATIONS:** None

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